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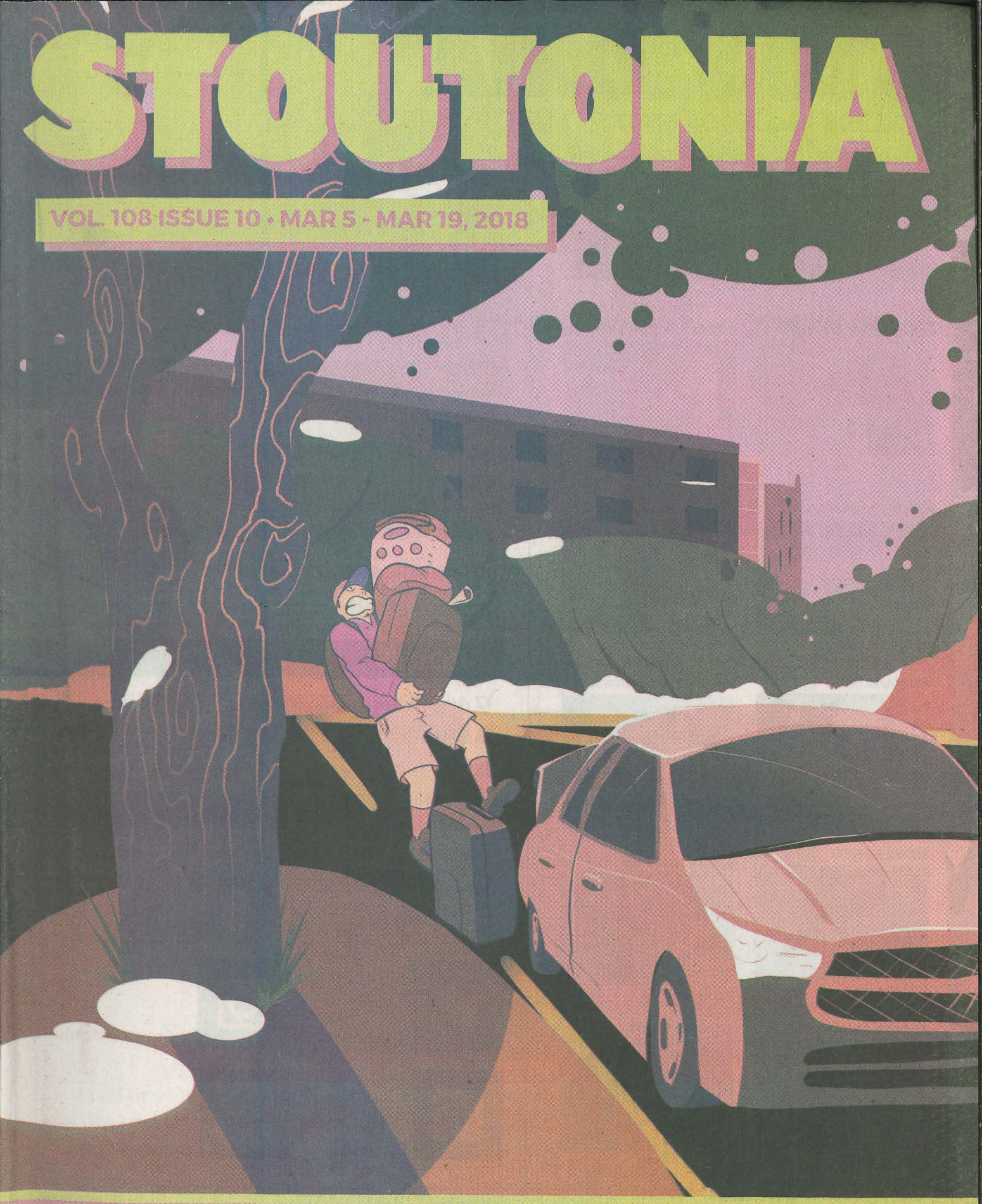

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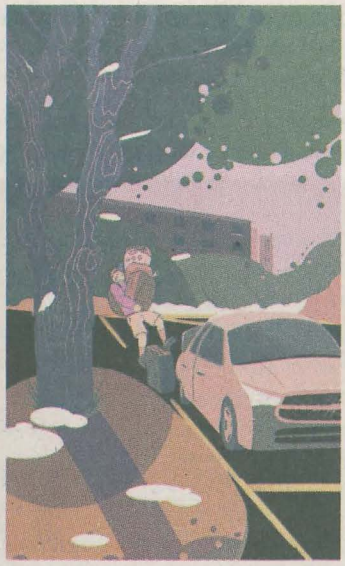
Stout students and alumni looking for internships or full-time positions met with local employers in the Johnson Fieldhouse for UW-Stout's biannual Career Conference.

COVER BY ADRIAN PERALES

Nothing beats packing up your car at the start of spring break. The prospect of some much needed rest and relaxation ahead of you, driving three hours to get to wherever you've decided to spend this break and then realizing you have a 15 page paper due the Monday you come back. Happy Spring Break y'all.



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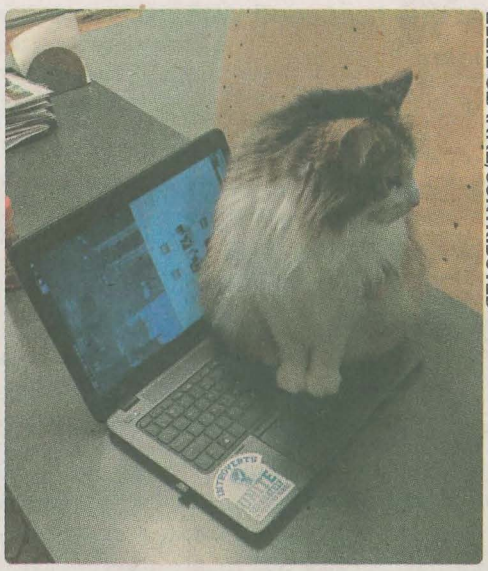

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POLL RESULTS: DO YOU THINK THAT THE MEDIA SENSATIONALIZES GUN VIOLENCE?

The media has an ethical obligation to bear witness to the tragedies of history. However, the Society of Professional Journalist's code of ethics states that when covering a violent crime, they must "avoid pandering to lurid curiosity" or incite fear in the public.

YES

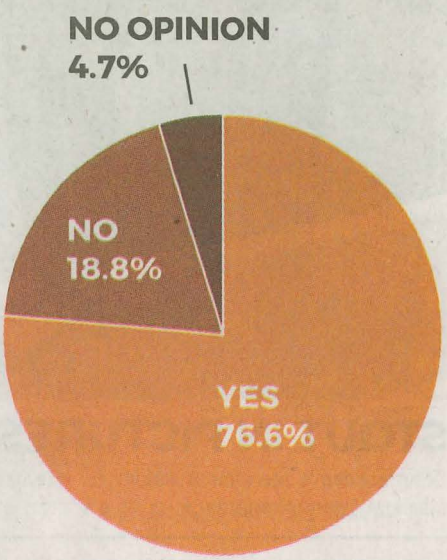
"I think that the acts themselves should be sensationalized but the focus of the coverage should be on the victims and how the act could be prevented in the future, not on the assailant and why they did it. We have plenty of research on why people do things like this, we don't need to act as if every act of gun violence is original."

- UW-Stout Student

NO

"I think the media does not sensationalize gun violence. Instead I think that gun violence is simply a sensational topic. By reporting on gun violence, the media cannot help but present sensational material to its readers/listeners/viewers."

- UW-Stout Student



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"I do feel like there is a certain amount of sensationalizing in the media when it comes to violence in general but I'm torn on what the solution would be to this problem. Obviously acts of extreme violence are news worthy and people should know that they happened. With that in mind, where is the line between informing and sensationalizing?"

- UW-Stout Student

The survey lasted for two weeks and was conducted online. It was primarily advertised on Campus Life Today and social media. The results are a product of 64 responses. Of the results were 52 students, 7 alumni, 3 other, 1 faculty/staff, and 1 non-affiliate.

NEXT POLL

Stoutonia's bi-weekly student poll; Read the prompt, then head over to one of our social media sites to vote and give your opinions.

You prepared for the Career Conference. Do you think it was prepared for you?

UW-Stout recently held its biannual Career Conference with over 300 employers looking to hire students for internships, co-ops and part-time and full-time positions. Prominent guests included Target, Thomsen Reuters and 3M.

Whether it was required by a professor, to find a potential job or just to network, students dressed in their best business attire and prepped their elevator speech to wow potential employers. Let us know if you think that the career conference does a good job at providing great networking opportunities for you!

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

AUDREY TCHAA

MIRANDA NEL/STOUTONIA

Jasmine Baker participates in the UW-Stout Peace March.

Black History Month (BHM) is a significant month in February, not just for the black community, but for America as a whole. "Black History Month celebrates black culture and the history that has [been] built on the foundation of black identity. It is a month to honor those who have sacrificed their lives to get to the status of equality we are at today," said Jasmine Baker. Like Baker, forty students on campus voiced their opinions in an online forum on what they believe is the importance and significance of Black History Month

Here are a sampling of the voices on campus that wanted their thoughts to be heard:

"I believe Black History Month is important because we need to be reminded of why things are the way they are and why we need to change them."

- Max Riley

"The significance [of Black History Month] is the way that black history has changed over the years."

- Micaela

"The significance [of Black History Month] is to acknowledge the amazing people that have done great things to keep peace in the world, as well as advocating for equal rights, and those who have made an impression."

-William Chang

"Black History Month shows the equality of all races; no race is actually superior than the other one. I don't see everyone as a different race, I see everyone as equals."

-Lydia Leahy

"Black History Month gives a significance to those who actually contribute for America. For me personally, Black History Month goes beyond the month of February, but it's the month that we have. Black history isn't just black history, it's U.S. history as well."

-Vaughn Hess Jr.

"I think it's important to understand that I, as a white person, have gained privileges based on African-American struggles, and just realizing that [African-Americans] have helped us get to where we are. Black history is our history. It's a history of this country too."

-Kaylee

Now that BHM has concluded, it is a good time to reflect on how the month was celebrated here at Stout. There were a lot of great events that happened this past month to commemorate black history, on campus. Bria Thomas, the president of the Black Student Union (BSU), shared what her org did in honor of Black History Month.

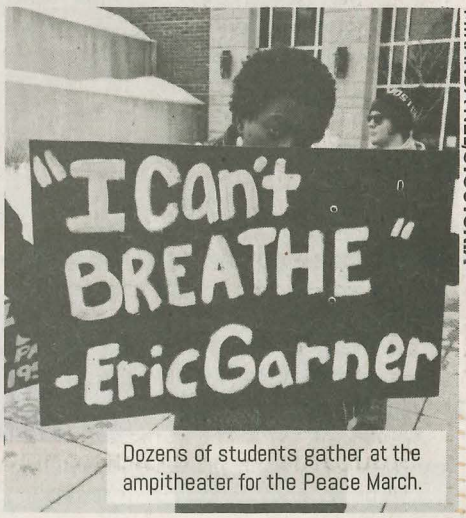
"BSU had one event every week to celebrate Black History Month that was open for the public," said Thomas. Some of the events they held were the Peace March and a speech by an African-American speaker who spoke about his struggles as an African-American man. BSU also decorated the windows of the Robert S. Swanson Library and displayed a table inside the library to bring awareness of Black History Month to other students.

"I hope that campus gains a sense of acceptance of all of its students and understands the importance of diversity when it comes to race. I hope campus celebrates diversity more, and to be more educated on our culture, history, who we are and what we bring to campus," stated Thomas.

To conclude on BHM, here are some words that a student on campus wanted to share with us:

"Black history is necessary due to the fact [that] black people have been and still are going through oppression. By having a month to look back at some historical Black figures in the past and present is a type of motivation for Black people to keep moving forward. [It's] a reaffirmation that this is where we came from and this is what we can do going forward."

-Deon Canon Jr.●



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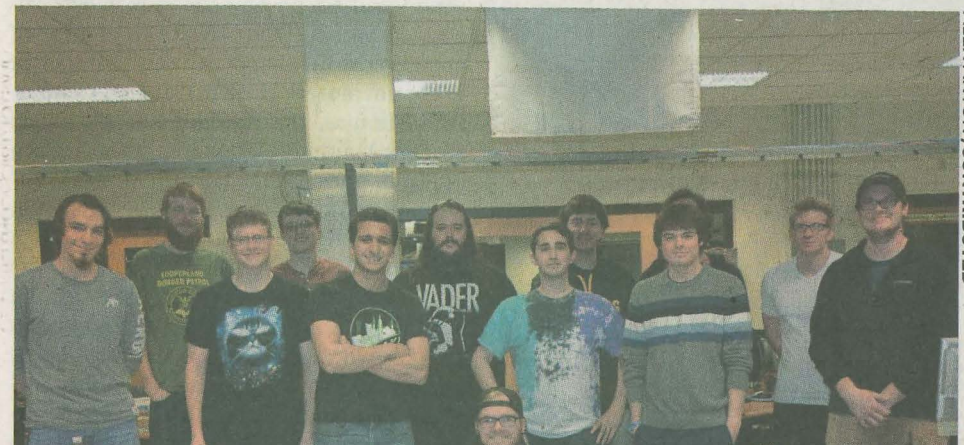
Dozens of students gather at the ampitheater for the Peace March.

ORG SPOTLIGHT: INFORMATION SECURITY PROFESSIONALS

OLIVIA VIKTORA



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The HACK@STOUT competition was hosted by ISP and Stout's ALTP org.

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Information Security Professionals (ISP) is a org on campus that strives to prepare students for a career in information security. An educational-based org, ISP covers the broad field of cyber security, from making sure a business is locked to keeping information safe. The org is comprised of students from computer science, information technology, engineering and social humanities, and anyone is welcome to join. Alex Anton, the president of ISP, encourages anyone who is interested in cyber security to join.

"ISP provides students the opportunity to be hands on. We get to do things that you just can't learn in a classroom setting or teach yourself," said Anton, "All the info isn't easily available because the industry is so new, it continues to evolve and grow."

ISP meetings are comprised of two parts; lectures and war games. The org provides lectures unique to the org to teach their members about the technology they will use in their field. The second part, and Anton's personal favorite, is the war games. ISP sets up hacking challenges for their members to try to beat. The games are made to encourage members to understand how to defend a system by learning how it can be attacked first.

Anton said, "With the war games, we provide a safe environment for students to apply skills without endangering themselves or others. We create our own website that is meant to be attacked. It is purposefully designed to be vulnerable so students can explore why and how the coding is wrong. This method helps students to code better."

Anton wants to stress the ethics involved with information security and how his org works hard to make sure members know this. He points out that there is a clear line involved between right and wrong when hacking.

"We want our members to have the ability to take their skills and try them out. However, we want them to do so in a safe environment. There are a lot of gray areas involved in information security and a lot of stuff is illegal, so we hope to steer them away from that. Our goal is for members to practices these skills, but stay ethical while doing so. It is about learning how to protect something, not harm."

In April, ISP will be holding a Capture the Flag event. The upcoming event will be a competition between teams of two to hack a system designed by ISP in collaboration with Stout's Association for Information Technology Professionals (AITP). The teams will work to see how deep into the system they can go while trying to earn points along the way.

ISP meets weekly on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. in Jarvis 245.●

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WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

CECE JABS

While the thought is scary, an active shooter situation could arise on campus. As Resident Advisors (RA's) and other staff on campus, we are taught to run, hide, and fight.

If you hear of an active shooter or someone with a firearm on campus, the first thing you should do is run. If you are in an open space, like outside, run away to somewhere safe if you have the ability to. If not, it's best to get low to the ground if you're in a large open area.

The second phase is hide. If you are unable to leave the situation, you should hide somewhere safe. This is just like what you may have been taught in elementary or high school. If you're in your residence hall or classroom, lock the door, draw the shades and hide somewhere out of sight. This will keep you more safe than if you were exposed.

The final phase and a last resort is to fight. If you are found by an active shooter, your last option is to fight. Try to fight enough so you can escape. If you are interested in taking self defense classes, there are several karate and martial arts academies in Menomonie and the surrounding area, many of which may offer self defense classes.

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UNANIMOUS VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE FROM THE SSA

ERIC KRAUSE

The Stout Student Association (SSA) has had a unanimous Vote of No Confidence toward University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross, meaning they are no longer in support of the UW System's President. On Oct. 11, 2017 president Ray Cross announced the plan to merge UW colleges with four-year UW institutions. This includes the merger of UW-Barron County with UW-Eau Claire instead of with Stout. This announcement happened to the surprise of the UW shared governance, who were not informed of this plan beforehand. SSA passed a resolution last semester regarding the merger expressing their disappointment in the handling of the restructure, which did not consult with shared governance partners, and additionally requested that UW-Barron County be merged with UW-Stout to better align with the academic programs, location and historical relationship.

An open records investigation of the University of Wisconsin System by Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) revealed an email from Cross to Regent Gerald Whitburn. The email said, "Getting hammered by the 'shared governance' leaders because they weren't involved in the process; however, had they been involved we wouldn't be doing anything!!" The emails obtained by WPR revealed that President Cross had little patience for debate over the plan for the merger.

The SSA saw this as Cross being dismissive of shared governance. On the importance of the shared governance, Stout Student Association president Alex Vernon said, "Shared governance plays an essential role in UW System and our UW institutions by providing the voice of the stakeholders including students, faculty and staff to help create successful solutions and decisions to the ever-changing world of higher education." The SSA's unanimous Vote of No Confidence was intended to send a strong message to President Cross to commit himself and the UW System to the shared governance mission and state statute. President Vernon said, "[The SSA is] demanding that [Cross] recommits himself toward working with the shared governance partners."

President Cross said, "I would argue that shared governance has, in some ways, equated decisions at all levels on all issues, and that's not, in my mind, appropriate." The SSA feels that it is "irrevocably ruinous" that President Cross thinks that shared governance's role in decision making is inappropriate.

In an interview with WPR, Committee Member David Vanness, a UW-Madison professor, agreed with President Cross that it is difficult to draw the lines of responsibilities because of universities' many moving parts. Vanness said, ""I think to some large degree a lot of the problems with shared governance being misunderstood have arisen in this time of austerity, budget cuts and groups feeling like they have to protect turf. I understand that. That's reasonable." He continued, "That does not mean that we should throw the baby out with the bath water and abandon shared governance because so-called tough decisions have to be made."

The SSA has made their stance on President Cross very clear. What remains now is how Cross will react to the lack of support from the Stout Student Association. •

SSA Communication Director Colton Tisch Speaking at Board of Regents meeting Last November.

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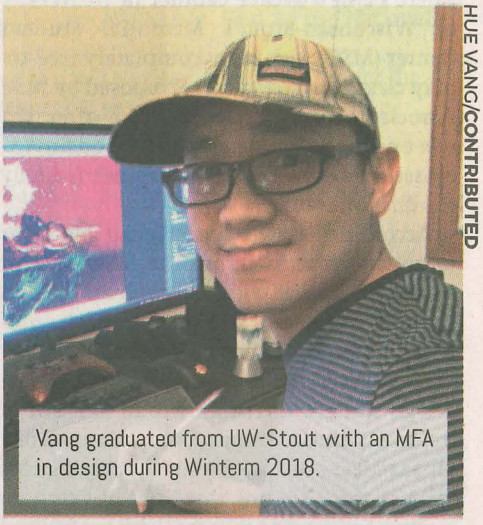
STUDENT-ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: HUE VANG

BRYCE PARR

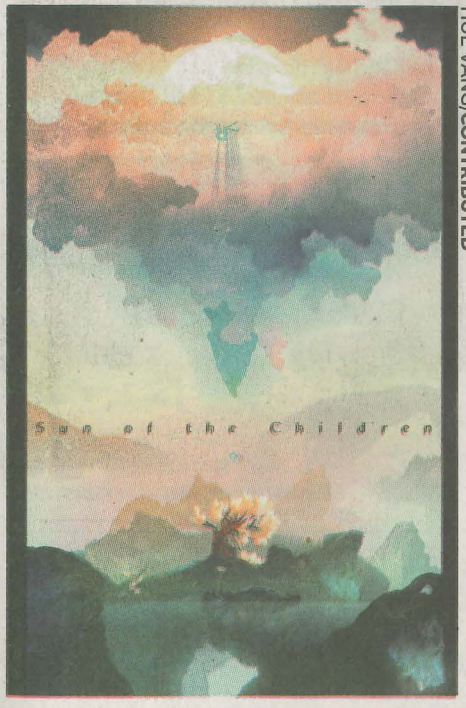
Hue Vang is a recent University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate that was part of the team that created the indie game "Everend," which won first place for Best Visual Quality at the 2017 Intel University Games Showcase. Vang's latest project, "Sun of the Children," won the People's Choice Award Art Contest at the 2017 M+DEV Conference in Madison as well as Best Independent Game at the fall 2017 Stout Game Expo (SGX).

Vang is currently polishing the game with his team to present it at the Intel University Games Showcase at the Game Developers Conference 2018. The showcase will be streamed live on Twitch on March 22, 5-8p.m. at: **https://www.twitch.tv/intelgamedev.** ●



HUE VANG/CONTRIBUTED

Vang graduated from UW-Stout with an MFA in design during Winterm 2018.



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What sparked your interest in art?

"Superhero comic books and cartoons in the late 80s and early 90s really caught my attention. I was particularly interested in the detailed, dynamic human form represented in this genre. The works of Jim Lee, Dan Jurgens, Todd Mcfarlane and Joe Maduriera really inspired me to improve my drawing skills at a young age. All through grade school, instead of playing outside during summer break, I would stay inside and draw all day."

How do you approach your artistic process?

"My process usually starts with music. I'm not a musician, but listening to music, primarily instrumentals, tells a unique story. From those stories that emerge, anything is possible."

What styles do you prefer?

"Right now, I like the balance of extreme detail with extreme simplicity. This isn't restricted to mark-making, but can be attributed to character design vs environmental design, color palette vs character/world design, or character vs narrative."

Is there anything that stood out during your time at UW-Stout?

"I really enjoyed the flexibility and opportunities at Stout, especially the GDC trips. Many game students I met from other schools wished their game program did the same. Having the opportunity to be a part of and present the games I've worked on at GDC is also pretty awesome."

HUE VANG/CONTRIBUTED

MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER'S ARCADE ADDITIONS

BRYCE PARR

There's a new arcade cabinet in University of Wisconsin-Stout's Memorial Student Center (MSC) with sixty completely free-to-play classic arcade games. Proposed by MSC Associate Director Jennifer Lee after she saw one in the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse Student Center, the cabinet is likely the first of many.

According to Lee, the original plan was to get two machines, but the MSC decided to test the appeal with one cabinet. "This is the first in a series," said Lee. One of the proposed systems is a four player table.

Undeclared freshman and aspiring game design student Christian Krohn is a fan of the 1983 classic "Mappy," which is available on the MSC cabinet. "I grew up playing this kind of stuff. Having this kind of thing on campus and having it be free—it's really kind of nice to have a place to enjoy these classic games." Krohn said, "They easily could have put a card swipe on there. Whoever got this and installed it without a coin slot really cared about the students."

According to Lee, the decision to make the games free was an easy choice. "From the get-go we decided it's the student's money, so they shouldn't have to pay," Lee said. "It's really fun to hear the students really enjoying it."

The sixty-game library may be reduced in the coming months and set to a rotation to keep the games fresh. Students can vote for their favorite games soon on campus social media.

With a thriving game design community on campus, there's talk of a cabinet to showcase student games. "We are looking at the opportunity of getting a cabinet designed to play UW-Stout games." Lee said, "It's kind of cool that it has the opportunity to interface with class and fun."

The table is often busy, but if you aren't a fan of waiting in line, there should be another system in the near future. In the meantime, go ahead and try to beat the high score in the 1982 spaceship shooter, "Time Pilot." •

MAUREEN HEASTER/STOUTONIA

Christan Krohn plays the cabinet while game design freshman Peter Bostwick spectates.

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The cabinet was purchased new from KingPin Games.

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The games on the cabinet may be rotated out in the coming weeks.

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MASQUERADE DANCE: "THE BIGGEST DANCE OF THE YEAR"

KATIE SCHULZETENBERG

This past Saturday, Feb. 24, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Events Society (SES) hosted their second annual Masquerade Dance. Last year's theme was Enchanted Forest, and this year, keeping the fantasy style, the Stout Events Society took on Beauty and the Beast. The event was officially titled the Enchanted Rose Masquerade.

During this free event, drinks and finger food were provided to the guests who chose to get dressed up and don a masquerade mask.

Gabrielle Miller, president of the Stout Events Society, said that this dance was the first time that they incorporated all organization members in planning the event instead of just the board. They formed committees for food and beverages, marketing, decorations and photography. "We brought all those components together as a group and we each had our own part to it," said Miller. "This is our biggest event. The Masquerade Dance is the only event we do completely ourselves."

The group also aids in hosting other events in the area. The Stout Events Society most recently participated in the Gifts of the Heart Benefit, which raises money for the Menomonie Free Clinic. They have also been involved in the Jeans and Jewels Gala for Dunn County Foundation and the Twin Cities Kidney Walk in St. Paul for the National Kidney Foundation.

"We had a pretty decent turnout for the dance this year with about 100 or so students," said Miller.

Miller suspected that the heavy snowfall that night might have contributed a lower-number of participants as compared to last year and said that the Stout Events Society plans to move to dance to April from now on to avoid any bad weather. "Everyone who did attend seemed to have a blast. I know I did." Miller said. •

The dance is the only event the SES does entirely on their own.

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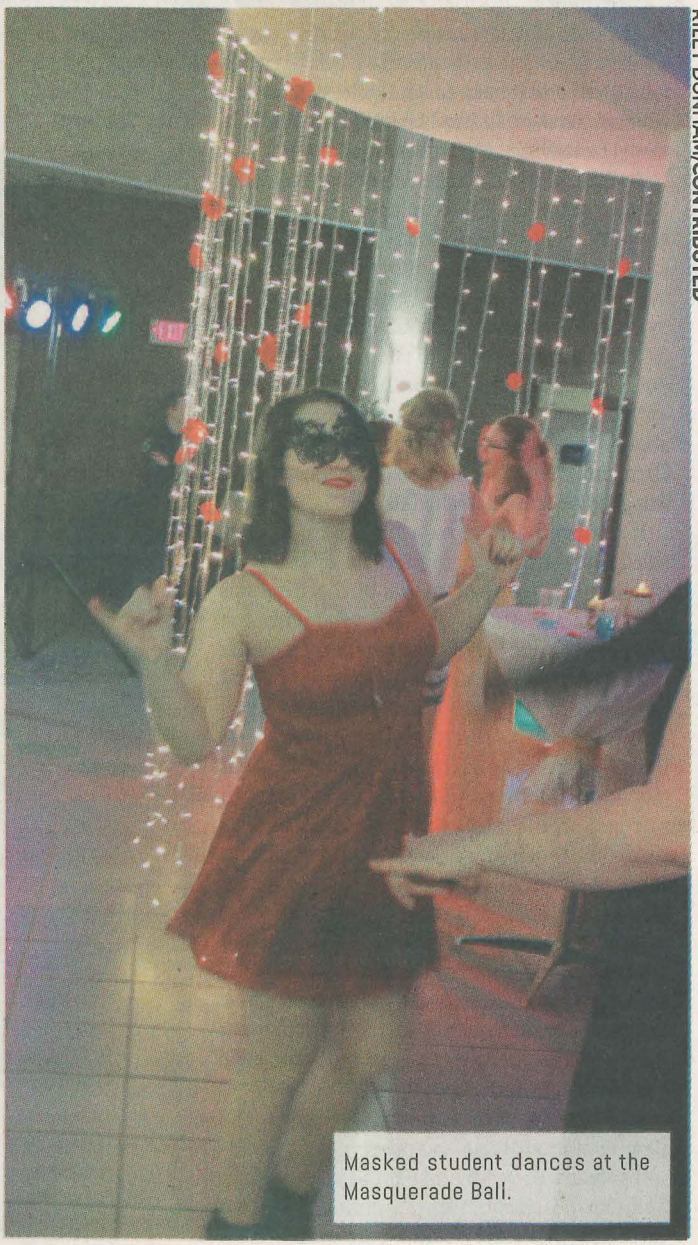

Masked student dances at the Masquerade Ball.

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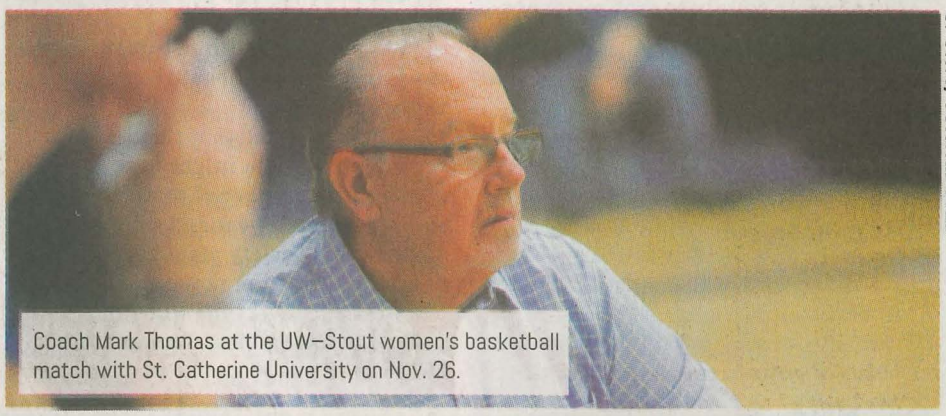

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Coach Mark Thomas at the UW–Stout women's basketball match with St. Catherine University on Nov. 26.

Earlier this year, it was announced that two of University of Wisconsin-Stout's best coaches, men's basketball head coach Eddie Andrist and women's basketball head coach Mark Thomas, would be leaving after this season was over.

Andrist has been a head coach at Stout for 18 years total and five as an assistant, amassing a 211-239 record. Andrist, who has put in lots of time and tireless effort into the men's basketball program, will certainly be missed by other coaches and, of course, by his players. 21 players were named to the All-WIAC team during Andrist's time as coach.

"He's very positive and energetic. Passionate about what he does," said senior guard Sam Ortmann, "He had high expectations, which was good because it pushed us a lot."

It has been a long road for Coach Andrist, filled with many memories along the way. One of his favorite moments of coaching was preparing for the NCAA Tournament, but his overall favorite thing has been "all the relationships you develop with players and families over the years."

We are also saying goodbye to women's basketball head coach Mark Thomas. Thomas has been coaching at Stout for 32 years, but not just as the head coach of the women's team. He's also worked as an assistant football coach for 27 years, for 20 plus years as a assistant baseball coach and for two years as an assistant softball coach.

During his time as head coach of the women's team, Thomas has amassed a record of 472-346. He has also been named WIAC coach of the year six times and won four WIAC championship tournaments and five WIAC titles. Teams coached by Thomas are responsible for 88.3 percent of Stout's total victories.

Thomas will be leaving behind a large legacy and a lot of memories and moments. "My most favorable [memory] would be the people that I have had the pleasure to work with, coach and mentor through their college experience. Add to that the number of people across the nation that I have had the opportunity to meet, get to know and interact with creates such a great network," said Thomas.

As for memorable moments, Thomas said that it was hard to pick out just one, but some that jumped out were the first women's team conference championship ever at Stout in 1997; winning three championships in a row in 2005, 2006, 2007; helping coach the first ever baseball team to make it to the College World Series; and all the amazing team trips as well.

As for what Thomas will miss most, he said, "I will miss the grind of it, preparing for a new season, getting the team organized, practices, games, the interaction with the players on a daily basis, helping them achieve greatness on and off the court. Seeing them grow and prepare for a great future are the things I will miss most." •

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Coach Eddie Andrist at the UW–Stout men's basketball season opener against the Wisconsin Badgers on Nov. 5.

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STUDENT ATHLETE-SPOTLIGHT: COURTNEY OLESON

LOGAN MYHRE

This issue's Student-Athlete Spotlight is Courtney Oleson, a junior forward on the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team. Oleson is a studio art/art education double major from Altoona, Wis. •

Why did you choose UW-Stout?

"I chose Stout because a lot of my favorite teachers were graduates from here and it was just far enough away from home for me to be on my own and independent."

What are a few interesting facts about yourself?

"I was asked to play basketball my sophomore year by coach Thomas while I was shooting around in the gym one day. I am a double major in art education and studio art. I have a twin sister."

Outside of school and athletics, what are some of your hobbies?

"I like to hang out with my friends, play other sports and be outdoors whenever I get the chance."

Who is your favorite pro-athlete and why?

"Sydney Leroux because she is a hard worker."

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Courtney Oleson takes the ball down the court during UW-Stout's JV matchup with St. Catherine University on Nov. 26.

What is your plan for after college?

"I might want to take a year to travel and see different art around the world, and then I plan on teaching either middle school or high school because I feel like those are the years my art teachers made a difference in my life, so I would like to do the same."

STOUT GRAPPLERS MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES WITH NEW CLUB

LOGAN MYHRE

The University of Wisconsin-Stout extended its catalog of clubs this semester with the addition of a wrestling club. The club was started by manufacturing engineering student Matthew Buechel in December of last year.

The wrestling club's 24 members currently practice on Wednesday nights from 8-10 p.m. in the Johnson Fieldhouse wrestling room.

"Our first few practices have had good numbers and we have been able to get some quality mat time in," Beuchel said.

Beuchel, who was involved in wrestling for 14 years before coming to Stout, decided to start the club after his first few weeks here.

"I wanted a way to give students with an interest in wrestling a place to learn and compete after high school," Beuchel said.

Beuchel said that his experience starting the wrestling club was "interesting" because he didn't have a lot of information on the process of starting a club.

According to Stout's website, you must petition to be recognized as a club during a period at the beginning of each semester. You must have at least four students interested in joining the club to form. There are various steps after the petition process to be recognized, such as creating a constitution and one-year plan for the club.

Beuchel said that the club hopes to join the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA). Becoming a part of the NCWA would allow them to travel and compete against other collegiate club teams. •

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